

THE BLUFFTON

PEACE SENTINEL

1941

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SPECIAL MEETINGS TO BE HELD

ARMY OFFICIAL INSPECTS CAMP

Major McLane from Selective Service offices spent Nov. 1 and part of Nov. 2 at camp on an inspection visit. In a talk after breakfast Nov. 2 he said the camp impressed him as operating pretty well, as a more integrated unit than on his last visit, with everyone performing his part in the total effort to make the camp a smoothly running mechanism.

He said it is true that C.P.S. ~~follow~~ boys are doing two and three times as much work on the project as the C.C.C. boys did. Although that is good work and worthy of some little self-satisfaction, still it is nothing to become inflated about. The CC's he said were often just kids from the city, with an all too often careless bringing up. However, we are inclined to dash a few grains of salt on the major's statement that some of the CC's didn't know at first which end of the shovel to use.

ELECTION FOR CAMP COUNCIL HELD

In the camp elections last week four members-at-large were elected to the camp council. These men are to supplement the original council of eight members one from each dormitory unit. The men elected are Gordon Liechty, Harry Weirich, Milt Stalter, and Harley Birk. *

OPEN HOUSE AT CAMP BLUFFTON

Visitors to the camp Sunday afternoon, Nov. 9 were treated to something special in the form of a concert in the chapel by the camp chorus under the direction of Wilbur Nussbaum of Barns.

President of Grantham College to Speak

In response to various requests from boys in the M.C.C. Civilian Public Service Camps, the Mennonite Central Committee has arranged for Spiritual Life meetings to be held in each of the camps.

President C. N. Hostetter, Jr. of Grantham College, Pennsylvania, will be in Bluffton Camp on December 5 to December 8. He will speak at evening meetings, have charge of morning devotions and speak also at the Sunday morning service.

It is suggested by the Committee that week-end leaves and furloughs, except in cases of real emergency, be suspended during this period. More details about these meetings will be given in our next issue.

On Sunday evening Nov. 23 the Maple Grove Mennonite Church will give the program at the chapel starting at 7:00 p.m.

The camp quartette with Dr. Hershberger are to give a program at the Clinton Frame Church near Goshen on next Sunday evening, November 16.

Campers to Speak at Convention

Ernest Christner, Ora Miller, and Dr. Hershberger are to appear on the afternoon program of the District Sunday School Convention to be held at the Forks Mennonite Church near Topoka, Indiana.

WE WANT YOU TO MEET OUR NEW "CO'S"

Eleven new conscientious objectors reported for duty on November 7. Below we are giving their names and home addresses with some highlights about each.

Tobe Anderson is a brother of David Anderson, who is already in Camp 13, and comes from Nappanee, Indiana where he was working in a large furniture factory. His chief interests are photography, wood-working, and sports; his ambition: to someday acquire independence by settling on a farm.

Jerry Carper from Decatur, Indiana has always lived on the farm. His specialties are poultry raising and animal training. Other hobbies are hunting, fishing, and music. His ambition is to be a scientific farmer specializing in poultry.

Paul Esch from Pegeon, Michigan likes debating and radio. Born in Missouri, he has worked in various automobile factories in Detroit, was once an inspector in an electrical sound factory and at one time was a radio service man.

Jacob Girod, Berne, Indiana has always lived on the farm and takes a special interest in live stock. He enjoys singing, looks forward to the time that he can have a farm of his own.

Paul Liechty is also a farm boy from Berne, Indiana. At different times he has worked in a furniture factory and in a hatchery. He is musically inclined--a good pianist with a growing ambition to study pipe organ. His other hobbies are reading, correspondence with distant friends, and travel.

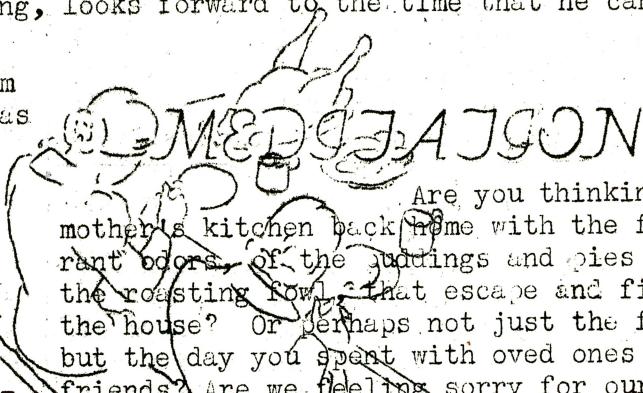
Raymond Miller is from Goshen, Ind. where he was working as a punch-press operator, and was once a riviter in a tank factory, but his ambition is to settle down on a farm and raise hops. Fishing and hunting are his hobbies, and he is interested in learning carpentering.

Thomas Miller, has always worked on a farm near Goshen, Indiana. He is interested in raising beef cattle and his ambition is to own a farm some day where he can devote his time to this interest. He farmed for two years in Iowa, has worked for a milk condensing company, and is a harness repair man. He likes motorcycling and his hobby is to travel.

Melvin Rensberger, Middlebury, Ind. was working for Major Bros. Packing Plant before coming to camp. As a boy on the farm, he participated in 4-H club work and his ambition now is to have a farm of his own and raise beef cattle. He has completed a four-year course in Agriculture and Animal Husbandry at Purdue University. He likes sports and wants to catch up on his reading while in camp.

Jesse Riegsecker from Goshen, Ind. was driving a truck for the Farm Bureau and at one time worked in a veneer factory.

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Are you thinking of mother's kitchen back home with the fragrant odors of the puddings and pies and the roasting fowl that escape and fill the house? Or perhaps not just the food, but the day you spent with loved ones and friends? Are we feeling sorry for ourselves because of the separation this year--and the good times we have to forego? If we stop a moment and allow ourselves a few serious thoughts we can add blessing upon blessing for which to be thankful.

For the harvest that has been gathered, of which we have received bountifully, we say thank you. For the prayers that are offered by loved ones at home, we say thank you.

"For the days when nothing happens,
For the cares that leave no trace,
For the love of little children,
For each sunny dwelling-place,
For the altars of our fathers,

And the closets where we pray," we say thank you. For a government that has given us the choice to come to this camp, we say thank you.

"For the very gloom oft broken
By our looking for the King,
By our thought that He is coming," we say thank you.

"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him."

---Mrs. Guy F. Hershberger,
Camp Matron

Kitchen Left-Overs

Dennis Lehman has been given a temporary release by his doctor and local board. We hope he recovers soon as we all miss him in the kitchen.

Mel Yoder has been named fireman of the dining room. If any complaints are to be made, see him. With all the hot air that Bert Eash and Mel give off, it seems that we might be able to get along without the two furnaces.

Eight ladies from around Nappanee, Indiana, ate dinner with us on Nov. 10. They came on the Yoder Bus and brought with them two dozen dressed chickens and many cans of fruit. We appreciate these expressions of real active interest in our civilian public service program.

Shorty Hershberger had five young ladies eating at his table Sunday noon. One of them seemed to draw his attention particularly. After all, Shorty is a bachelor, or isn't he?

FOOD for THOUGHT

by Myrtle Kolb, Camp Dietician

A lady once stooped to reprimand an old English dray-man for the heavy load which his horses were hauling. "Oh," replied the old man, "it hain't the 'eavy 'auling as 'urts the 'orses feet--it's the neverlasting 'ammering on the 'ard 'ighway." Which, you may think sounds perfectly senseless. But isn't it quite true to life after all?

It takes a good daemore of faith and endurance to live joyously through the monotony which makes up the greater part of life for most of us than it does to meet the occasional emergency which is past almost as soon as one is aware of it. The long-drawn out sameness of the days in camp will be, in the end, a sterner test of convictions than would some spectacular trial. And just living in such a way that at evening one can look back and say, "It's been a good day after all."--is much harder than being a martyr. It isn't likely that many of us will be called on to be martyrs--so what are we going to do about it?

PLEA FOR THE CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR

by Ellen Hutchison

"Conscientious objector" they cry-- "Communist!" "Coward!" or may be, "Spy!" Spies there are, many communists, too; I have no patience with what they do; But I plead for the man who is true...

True to his own conscience' inward light, True to the faith that right makes might, That force gains nothing that ever paid, That what it gains is by far outweighed By losses vast and by widows made...

By physical wrecks of once-fine men; By minds deranged. Can you tell me when War-gains paid for such? It never fails That moral decay will tread war's trails. Our C.O. says, "Put that on the scales!" He sees modern warfare foul with sin; Men refrain from naught just so they win. Injustice, treachery, lying, greed, Mark the army's march, who give no heed Though women are killed and children bleed. You call him "coward" who works' gainst this! Full well he knows that his country's bliss Rests on justice, peace, and religion's sway.

Come jeers and sneers, yes, let come what may.

No cowards are they who this goal seek. They'll get the earth, because they are meek.

To hate evil they never will cease. Their spirit chimes with the Prince of Peace.

My full heart says, "May their kind increase!"

---reprinted from the Gospel Banner

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BRITISH CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS

More than sixty-one thousand Britons registered as C.O.'s up to July 12, 1941. This is .92 percent of the total men registered in Britain. Of all the cases heard by local tribunals up to July 5, 1941, 6 percent were given total exemption, 37 percent conditional exemption, 29 percent non-combatant military service, and 28 percent denied all claims and assigned to full military service. --- taken from The Conscientious Objector in Great Britain, Peace Section, A.F.S.C.

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"My peace I give unto you." John 14:27

EDITORIALS

After doing a certain type of work for a long time we sometimes get tired of that work and would rather do something new and different. Possibly the work appealed to us when we first started, but after doing it day in and day out for a long time we finally despair of it. This is especially true if we are still young enough not to have become so deeply entrenched in our old routine as to make it hard to adapt ourselves to changes.

A great many of our boys come from farms where the work is not all of one kind. In many instances they are used to changing from one type of work to another at intervals of less than one day. Consequently it is easy to understand that some of the work on our government projects would tend to become rather monotonous.

Camp Program Negative

To some of us it seems that our camp program is too negative. It is true that we would rather be negative than destructive. We would rather devote a year of our lives to doing absolutely nothing than to spending that year preparing ourselves for the destruction of the men of other nations, or the bombing of helpless mothers and little children. We see no virtue in that.

Yet we are reminded of what Jesus said about the evil spirit that was gone out of a man. Finding no place to rest, the evil spirit finally returned to his former abode and finding the house empty, brought in seven other spirits more wicked than himself.

We do not want our houses empty. We do not want our camp program merely negative. We welcome the more constructive work program outlined by our project superintendent, Mr. Hammond. We hope that it is but the beginning of greater opportunities for doing work of true national importance.

---CML

MY COUNTRY FIRST

Not merely in matters material, but things of the spirit.

Not merely in science, inventions, motors, and skyscrapers, but also in ideals, principle, character.

Not merely in calm assertions of rights, but in the glad assumption of duties.

Not flaunting her strength as a giant, but bending in helpfulness over a sick and wounded world like a good Samaritan.

Not in splendid isolation, but in courageous co-operation.

Not in pride, arrogance, and disdain of other races and people, but in sympathy love, and understanding.

Not in treading again the old, worn, bloody pathway which ends inevitably in chaos and disaster, but in blazing a new trail, along which, please God, other nations will follow, into the new Jerusalem where wars shall be no more.

Some day some nation must take that path--unless we are to lapse once again into utter barbarism--and that honor I covet for my beloved country.

And so, in that spirit and with these hopes, I say with all my heart and soul, "My Country First."

---Bishop G. Ashton Oldham

AN OLD FABLE REVIVED

A man was hunting in a forest when a storm came up. Looking about for shelter from the rain, he found and crawled into a hollow log, which fitted quite snugly. The rain lasted for hours and soaked through the wood. The log began to contract. When the storm was over the hunter was unable to get out. The log held tight and finally, exhausted, the man gave up, knowing that he would starve to death. His life flashed before him. Suddenly he remembered that he had missed chapel once at C.P.S. Camp 13. This made him feel so small that he was able to crawl out of the log without difficulty.

A man has deprived himself of the best there is in the world who has deprived himself of a knowledge of the Bible. It is very difficult, indeed, for a man or a boy who knows the Scripture ever to get away from it.

---Woodrow Wilson

CROWS LOOK ON AS "C.O.'S" BREAK CORNHUSKING RECORDS

As the gray dawn of November 11th came upon us, we quietly ate our breakfast and made ready to depart for the day's labor. Eleven of the most ambitious fellows dressed in their warm clothes and left in the camp truck to husk corn for a nearby farmer. The kind farmer took us to a 20-acre field and supplied us with corn knives and twine. The fellows at once set to work. The came biting at us from the west and the frost nipped at our toes. Working in pairs, nine-eight shocks were husked by noon. Lowell Hartman tied bundles and set the fodder in shocks.

Miss Kolb Sends Delectable Eats

At noon Fibber arrived with both reinforcements of food and men. Mis Kolb had prepared a fine dinner for us, so immediately we removed ourselves to the farmer's barn where the meal was eaten.

The afternoon work went along smoothly, twelve men husked, two men tied bundles, and three set up and tied fodder shocks. The fellows were in a joyful mood, they laughed and joked among themselves, (continued on page 7)

FISH and GAME

by Dennis A. Lehman

BUTCHERING DAY

Last Thursday was butchering day. We don't know if the moon was just right or not, but it did rain all day. One buffalo, one elk, and two deer were shot by the captain of game wardens. The buffalo and elk fell with the first shot but it took seven shots to kill the two deer. The pens were too small for the number of animals kept in captivity.

Harley Birk, Jake Kooi, and Jake Hershberger helped with the butchering. Eli Hostettler helped Bob Groh, a state employee, skin the animals. If watching is helping, the boys did more than their share of the work. It was a new experience for all of them. The meat has been shipped out and put in cold storage. The hides of the animals and the antlers of the young elk are the only traces left of the animals we used to see running around in their pens. (continued on page 7)

FORESTRY PROJECT

WINTER CLOTHING BEING WORN

With the coming of winter months and cold and damp weather, the forestry workers have pulled on their "long johns" and rough winter clothing to be able to stand the wintry blasts.

A week ago it was amusing to see the boys engaged in razing the old ice house in the state forest. The structure had been condemned so it was deemed best to tear it down. For awhile the boys had to be very careful for it was feared that the building might collapse as it was being torn down. When practically everything but the frame had been razed the Oliver tractor was hitched to the heavy timber frame and with some difficulty the house was finally brought down.

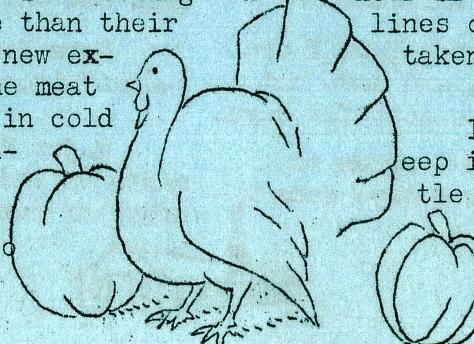
WASPS ENCOUNTERED

A rather amusing incident took place in connection with the tearing down of the building. Some wasps had settled down for the winter in the building and some of the fellows found that these creatures still had enough energy to make their way in under the boys' clothing and make themselves rather annoying.

STONE WALKED LAID

In the morning's dew and damp,
Ernie Christner had to tramp
To the flagpole.
Then bethought the little lad,
This indeed is very bad--
Might catch cold.
So by cunning, well devised,
The cure was realized--
A new stone walk was laid.

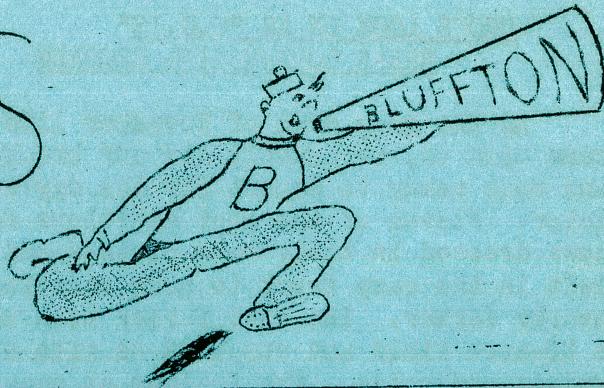
The first anniversary of registration day, October 16, was observed in this camp by meeting in the assembly hall for an hour of quiet meditation. A few lines of Scripture were read.---
taken from Pike View Peace News



It is good practice to sleep in a building with very little fire in it. Use plenty of covers instead.---taken from Builders, C.P.S. #17

"Be ye thankful"

KAMPUS KAPERS



An Ode To Paul Kinzer

First to rise in number one dorm
Works in the dining room all the long day.
Sleeps with three blankets to make sure
he keeps warm,
Unlike me, he says nothing--when he's
nothing to say.

Li'l Abner, otherwise known as Alvin Yoder, has moved from Dorm A to Dorm H. One dorm's sadness is another's gladness.

Who was he who told me that "Wickie" Miller had ever gone pheasant hunting before the opening day this season? I am told, on good authority, that he spread so much lead over Northern Indiana that Du Pont will be forced to put on a night shift. What did he get? Nothing! Except a weak claim on a bird that some one else shot while he was pointing his gun at the moon.

The newcomers in Dorm G are a little more quiet and settled down since their first typhoid shots.

Stilts on legs of a bed! Noah Eicher insists on putting his suitcase under his bed.

Dorm B now has one of the most unique clubs in camp. It could be called the "Polar Bear Club" as the boys, who belong to it, are pledged to go stripped to the waists to the washroom, throughout the winter. Ernie Christner has been carrying it out to the extreme. I wonder who will be first to report to the infirmary?

Several of the boys from Dorm F are laid up with severe colds, and have not been able to go to work the last few days.

Ed Hostettler of Dorm C seems to know when the boys of Dorm E have some popcorn.

Clifford Hibner was one of the welcome visitors to Dorm A, Sunday, Nov. 9.

Wanted: A boy from Dorm F who can give the recipe of Monday sickness following a week-end leave.

John Yoder who has moved to Dorm E enjoys himself greatly with his new friends, yet misses his old Dorm H pals.

Dorm D is blessed with one of those smoky, explosive stoves.

It is evident that Shorty Hershberger has many young feminine admirers.

Christ Slabaugh is back in camp after a short furlough, and is slowly but surely getting to be himself again.

ELEVEN FELLOWS SHOT!!

Eleven fellows got shot in the arm on the opening day of the hunting season. This feat was accomplished by the skilled marksmanship of our camp physician, Dr. Myron L. Habegger of Berne, Indiana.

New fellows in Dorm D are Ray and Tom Miller and Tobe Anderson, all of Elkhart County.

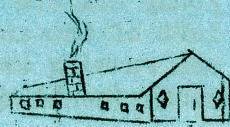
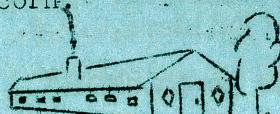
When Albert Schrock came to Dorm H he did not have time to say hello or goodbye. Ask him about it.

Since the moving is all done Dorm A is now filled to capacity, fifteen strong, with Judson Hill as captain.

Fellows in Dorm D still haven't figured out what makes Edwin Rutt tick!

Dorm D doesn't feel the same since their "Wisconsin Pastor" left on furlough.

Major McLain left favorable comments on the cleanliness, neatness, and order of our dormitories.



The Spirit of Nonresistance

The spirit of non-resistance is the spirit of love,--love as exhibited pre-eminently in the spirit and conduct of Jesus and prescribed by Him as the basis of all man's relationships with his fellowmen. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

One direct result of such love is a regard for one's fellowman as far-reaching as one entertains in respect to himself. In response to such regard he seeks to safeguard his neighbor's life, reputation, and property. Thus, even though he should suffer evil at the hands of his neighbor, he will do nothing to injure him in any of these respects.

A second result of such loving attitude is the spirit of forgiveness. Since love seeks naught but the good of another, it forbids and takes away the inclination to mete out any sort of injury for injury received. "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor."

---R.L.Hartzler

NEW MEN IN CAMP 13 (continued from page 2)

His chief interests are reading and sports--his ambition, to get out of camp!

Paul J. Yoder is from Middlebury, Ind. where he was working as a garage mechanic and carpenter. He also worked for two years on a turkey ranch in Iowa. He says he likes to travel.

Loren Zimmerman, a married man, comes from Flanagan, Illinois where he has lived on the same farm all his life. An experienced electrician and carpenter, he also does general farming and has two interesting hobbies: taxidermy and cabinet making. He was Sunday School superintendent and Junior Endeavor teacher before coming to camp.

CORNHUSKING (continued from page 5)
and poked fun at the fellows who lagged behind. At four o'clock we 200 shocks husked, so we wound up the day, tired but satisfied.

The money that is made by husking corn will be spent to buy athletic equipment for camp use. Several other farmers have seen our handiwork and have offered us jobs to keep us busy in our spare time.

WLH

FISH AND GAME REPORT (cont. from P.5) Pheasant, Indiana's Most Popular Game Bird

The ringneck pheasant is an imported Asiatic bird, but it has become the most popular game bird of Indiana.

One hundred-thirty thousand pheasant eggs were gathered last spring. Of these eggs, 83,000 were set in the hatchery here at the game farm. Each summer hundreds of pheasants are sent to the county game warden where they are liberated.

Reasons for Its Popularity

Just why has this bird become so popular? There are several reasons: first of all, it is one of the most colorful birds, also it provides good meat and is very hardy. This pheasant keeps the sportsmen on their toes if they get their bag limit.

LAUNDRY NEWS AND BLUES

New markers for personal laundry have been ordered recently. Let's hope this does away with "Auction Sales for Unclaimed Clothing". The recent auction netted the social committee \$2.48.

Mel Christner prefers to call for his laundry in person. He thinks this method takes less time than placing his dormitory letter and bed number on each article.

An average of 27 fellows' laundry is washed and ironed daily. (5 days per week)

Ben Shirk replaces Monroe Wengard on the laundry crew. Monroe has transferred to the game project.

Eddie Brookmyer had only 16 dress hankies in the last wash. If each fellow would average this number, there would be approximately 2000 handkerchiefs to wash and iron weekly.

Hints To The Laundry Boys

1. Buttons returned ON the shirts will be appreciated
2. Original coloring of garments is preferred
3. Please return all bills, napkins, and toothpicks found
4. Please do not shrink our "red flannels" more than 2 sizes
5. Showers are chilly ordeals nowadays

Phil Frey Writes.....

Civilian Public Service Camp #20
Wells Tannery, Pennsylvania

I suppose you will be very much surprised to receive a letter from me, especially from this place. I was asked to come down here for a short stay.

This is a beautiful place. It is at the foot of one of Pennsylvania's high mountains and about twenty rods from the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The Siding Hill Tunnel, the longest one on the pike, is only about a quarter of a mile from the camp.

At present there are some fifty boys here, with more coming. The capacity will be about 120. I miss very much my old camp staff and all my old friends in Camp Bluffton. I still say a "fine bunch of boys". However, so far, I also have found these folks here to be fine people.

This morning I spoke to the boys at breakfast on an old familiar passage from Philippians 4:1-12, especially the verse, "I have learned that in whatsoever state I am therewith to be content". This is my message to the boys at Camp Bluffton.

If I were to have asked the Apostle Paul as he wrote those words, "Paul, do you want to be in this prison here at Rome?", he no doubt would have answered, "No, I don't want to be here, but circumstances have placed me here".

Likewise, if I were to have asked him whether he enjoyed the forty stripes save one, or enjoyed being hungry, alone, friendless, and away from home, Paul's answer would be the same, he would say, "nevertheless under all these circumstances in life I have learned to be content.

What a wonderful challenge to us. No doubt that in God's great plan for our lives these experiences will too serve to beautify our characters! May God bless each one with added grace to say, "Not my will but thine be done".

I must close. With best wishes to all,

Sincerely,

Phil

P.S. Alta says hello to all.

THOSE SUFFERING NOT VENGEFUL

"An encouraging note", Don Smucker said, "was the absence of the vengeful spirit among those who have suffered most in this war." He cited the poll taken in Canada and in London on the question of the British air force bombing German civilians in England. The Canadian poll showed an overwhelming majority favoring retaliatory bombing of German cities. But the London poll of people in the worst bombed areas of the city, showed an overwhelming majority against subjecting the German people to the horrors they, themselves, had to go through.

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